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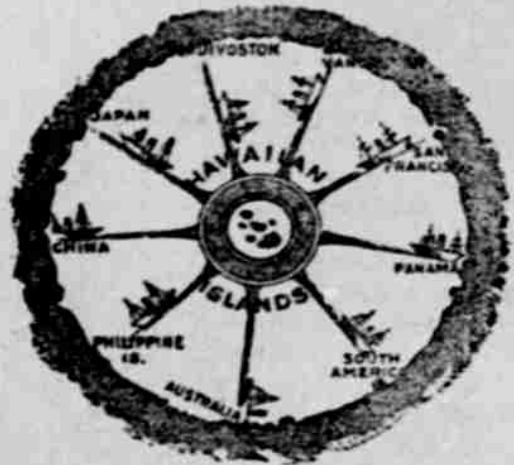
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States on the importance of respecting the interests of their little island. Cuba, not ours technically, but ours morally and in spirit, has, through President Palma, announced that it will be creditably represented at St. Louis if it takes the last dollar in the treasury. Even little Guam and Tutuila out here in the Pacific are going to participate in this vast competition of States and Nations.

2. What will be the direct advantage to Hawaii is next to be noted. The St. Louis World's Fair will give Hawaii her first opportunity under the new regime of annexation to show herself to the rest of the United States in her true light. It will enable her to convince the people of the great central portion of the United States, and through them their Senators and Congressmen, that her growing material and political interests must be recognized and safeguarded in the legislation of Congress. A comprehensive and creditable exhibit of Hawaii will be described and pictured by the press of the entire United States.

On the other hand, if Hawaii is not represented at all, or in a limited way, adverse comment will be excited and unfavorable comparisons will be made with other States, Territories and outlying possessions, that will surely react to her disadvantage. Were this Exposition merely sectional, or limited in plan and scope, with only a few States and countries taking part, the absence of Hawaii, or the presence of a small exhibit, would not be particularly noticed. On the other hand, in view of the undoubted magnitude of the undertaking, Hawaii must be there, and in such a way as is commensurate with her wealth and with her growing importance as a magic land of the mid-Pacific.

4. Assuming now that Hawaii will be represented at St. Louis by an exhibit of which she can be proud, we can consider some of its features. Let me emphasize here that it is the announced determination of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition management that discreditable, low-class vaudeville and spectacular effects shall not be allowed a place within the limits of this World's Fair. It is its acknowledged intention to avoid those unfortunate characteristics which have been so prominent in other expositions. In other words, we want Hawaii to be seen, studied and admired at St. Louis in her legitimate exhibits, rather than made an agent for the theatrical amusement in the form of hula hula dances.

That this may come home to you all the stronger, I might put it in another way: Provided the business interests and the government of Hawaii will participate on a scale which will be creditable alike to the Islands and to the Exposition, the officials and citizens of this Territory can rest assured that Hawaii will not be disgraced by unwholesome Midway attractions. On the other hand, if Hawaii should decline to participate and therefore not show even as much interest as the Exposition management, the latter cannot be blamed if in granting concessions, in order to have some kind of Hawaiian participation, some features creep in which are not your approval.

5. Knowing personally and officially the wishes of President Roosevelt and the United States government on the one hand, and of President Francis and the Louisiana Purchase Exposition on the other hand, I would urge upon you to make such an industrial, economic, agricultural, educational, geographical, ethnological and governmental exhibit as will interest and instruct all who visit the St. Louis World's Fair, and as will react to your vast advantage. Let the people of the United States see the old and the new Hawaii; let them be able to note your actual resources and your methods of developing them; let them have the opportunity of seeing native Hawaiians in other than a Midway village and dance-hall; let them look at your sugar plantations and their workings on a small but representative scale that will speak plainly of what you have at stake in that industry; let them be convinced of your advance in educational and economic lines; let them be taught there the problems and conditions that confront your government, so that you may have their sympathy and interest to a greater degree; let them look at your islands in miniature geographical reproduction that they may understand the conformation and area of the islands.

6. In conclusion, I would make a humble recommendation on the all-important question of ways and means. Recognizing that your government can do nothing except by act of your legislature, whose next session is of a long way off, I would strongly advise that the community at large, or through its leading organizations, such as the Chamber of Commerce, Merchants' Association and Planters' Association, appoint a World's Fair Promotion Committee, or a Hawaiian World's Fair Association, to take preliminary steps and devise ways and means. Something of this kind, I would respectfully urge, should be done without delay, whether the Exposition is to be held in 1903 or 1904. If held in the former year such procedure is imperative, and is the only way of securing Hawaiian participation; if in the latter year, there will not be one day too many in which to make the necessary preparations for an exhibit of which you will be proud.

Such a committee or association could take steps for a popular subscription which, in view of your great business interests here, should amount to a large sum, and it can awaken public sentiment so that your legislature will feel duty bound to supplement such funds with a Territorial appropriation. More than a dozen States and Territories proper are already pursuing this method. I would advise early action furthermore so that there can be a responsible agency to communicate at once with the World's Fair management and safeguard the interests of Hawaii in the preliminary preparation at St. Louis and to make necessary reservations of a suitable location for a building and of ample space for various exhibits.

If such committee, in conjunction with the government of the Territory, would in the near future decide upon some thoroughly competent man or men to act as the Territorial Commissioner or Commission, whose appointment would be confirmed by the government of the Territory after the legislature had acted, or to continue to hold that position if the business interests alone carried through the participation, a long step would be taken toward the successful consummation of a creditable Hawaiian exhibit at St. Louis. In other words, the more perfect organization you can develop, without any taint of politics, the more you will accomplish.

I beg of you as an enterprising community, having now more at stake than ever before and being at a critical point of your development, to take this all-important question now and

carry it forward to a successful solution. That this will be done I am confident. What I have seen of your officials, your leading men, and your newspapers, convinces me that my humble and respectful appeal will not be in vain.

The cordial reception you have given me, which I recognize is not for my personality, but for what I represent, is most gratifying, and I shall take great pleasure in reporting favorably on your attitude to the government at Washington and the management of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis. As I shall soon proceed to the countries of Asia and Australasia, there will go with me the cheering inspiration given me by your reception to execute more faithfully the high mission that has been entrusted to my hands.

After Mr. Barrett had presented the case for the exposition, Governor Cooper said that he thought the time for action was the present. He did not want the matter to be allowed to lie dormant and he thought the representative character of the meeting should make it the proper time to take action, looking toward the organization of the work.

W. A. Bowen said that it occurred to him that while those present had caught much of the enthusiasm of the speaker, and would like to take hold of the matter at once, the proper course would be to refer it all to the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association, so that after some thought there could be found men to take hold of the matter and make it a success. He therefore made a motion to that effect.

C. M. Cooke said that he did not think this was the way to proceed, for the two associations had primarily the same membership, and so there should be a new association, with general membership, which would take up the work of preparing for an exhibit. This would enable the officials of the Government to join the business men and perhaps lead them in the work. B. F. Dillingham and F. A. Schaefer agreed with Mr. Bowen, and Governor Clegg-horn was of opinion that there would be nothing lost by taking time for thought.

B. F. Dillingham said again that if Governor Cooper would take the chairmanship, he would favor a committee which would act temporarily and prepare a plan which would bring about action in the other associations. Mr. Atherton, taking up this phase of the matter, said that such a committee could bring the exhibition plan before the three associations, and in such shape that there would be something tangible for them to act upon, and they could do more than if they were left to work out the problems alone.

With this statement, Mr. Bowen accepted the suggestion, and the result was that the motion for the temporary committee, put by Mr. Dillingham, was carried. Governor Cooper, acting under it, appointed as the committee: F. A. Schaefer, C. M. Cooke, J. B. Atherton, W. M. Giffard and B. F. Dillingham. Those present were: F. S. Dodge, F. W. Macfarlane, A. C. Lowman, Judge Kepoiki, Judge Estee, J. G. Spencer, Norman Gedde, John Ena, W. C. King, C. D. Chase, Attorney General Dole, Robert Catton, W. W. Hall, P. C. Waldron, W. W. Dimond, C. M. V. Forster, H. A. Isenberg, F. A. Schaefer, Governor Clegg-horn, T. Clive Davies, J. J. Dunne, W. A. Bowen, W. M. Giffard, H. Pocke, Marshal Hendry, A. W. Pearson, J. A. McCandless, A. J. Campbell, Judge Perry, Judge Robinson, C. M. Cooke, E. W. Jordan, Professor W. D. Alexander, Representative C. H. Dickey, H. E. Walley, W. F. Allen, Representative W. W. Harris, A. B. Wood, E. A. Mott-Smith, Chief Justice Frear, Senator Kalanokalani, C. Bolte, B. F. Dillingham, E. E. Paxton, Jared Smith, F. Kolmar, Superintendent of Public Works Boyd, H. F. Wickman, C. G. Rallentyne, Senator W. C. Achi, Controller Austin, J. B. Atherton, Marston Campbell, Emil Ney, Miss Francis McGigue, Wallace Farrington, E. R. Stackable, C. E. Dyke, W. L. Hopper, C. W. Dickey and Roy Chamberlain.

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